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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/227,881
Filed: January 11, 1999
Title: Nucleic Acid, Kits and Methods for the Diagnosis,
Prognosis and Treatment of Glaucoma and Related
Disorders
Applicants: Thai D. NGUYEN *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16491.066

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136;
2. an Amendment and Response to the Office Action mailed June 24, 2005;
3. an Information Disclosure Statement;
4. a Form PTO-1449 (citing 19 references and supplying 15 references); and
5. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Applicants request that the following fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number 16491.066:

\$ <u>180.00</u>	Information Disclosure Statement Fee
\$ <u>1,020.00</u>	Three Month Extension of Time Fee

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees, other than the Information Disclosure Statement Fee (\$130.00) and the Three Month Extension of Time Fee (\$1,020.00, are due in conjunction

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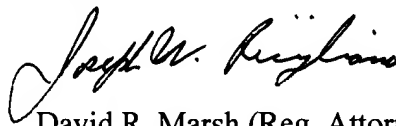
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with this filing. However, if any additional fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16491.066. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures